



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: November 4, 2009

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing a request to amend project list for Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant SMM-0853.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a request to amend project list to include Lechuza Beach for Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grant SMM-0853.

Background: On June 4, 2008 the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) authorized application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a grant of Proposition 84 funds for a program of minor capital outlay to ensure the preservation, protection, and restoration of developed and natural resources within the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds. The Conservancy approved that application at its meeting on June 23, 2009.

One of the components of the grant is trail and trailhead enhancement. The scope includes the replacement of damaged site features as part of the restoration of existing trailheads. The project list for this section did not include Lechuza Beach, which is within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed. Recently, MRCA staff found that the stairs leading down to the beach at the West Sea Level entrance needed significant repair. Staff has had to replace the stair treads and handrails.

MRCA staff recommends that Lechuza Beach be added to the project list for SMM-0853. It further requests that the site be eligible from the start date of the grant.

Consideration: This action does not require any budget augmentation to the grant.